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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: AD HOC GROUP MEETING OF NOV 6, 1974

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. AT ITS NOV 6 MEETING, THE AD HOC GROUP (AHG), HEARD A REPORT OF CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S VISIT TO MOSCOW, AND REPORTS OF TWO BILATERALS IN WHICH EASTERN REPS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER US FORCE RESTRUCTURING IN THE FRG. THE GROUP ALSO DISCUSSED THE NOV 4 INFORMAL SESSION ALONG LINES REPORTED IN MBFR VIENNA 0391 SUMMARY REPORT, APPROVED  
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CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE ON THE EASTERN PROPOSAL

(SEPTTEL, APPROVED THE CHAIRMAN'S WEEKLY REPORT (TEXT BY AIRGRAM) AND APPROVED THE TEXT OF THE NOV 7 WESTERN PLENARY STATEMENT (SEE MBFR VIENNA 0395 FOR DETAILS OF DISCUSSION ON PLENARY STATEMENT). END SUMMARY.

SCHMIDT-BREZHNEV TALKS IN MOSCOW

2. FRG REP (BEHREND) READ EXCERPTS FROM FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL'S BRIEFING TO THE NAC ON CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. FRG REP'S BRIEFING ADDED ONLY A FEW NUANCES TO EXCELLENT REPORT IN USNATO 6147. BEHREND STRESSED THAT MBFR AND CSCE WERE DISCUSSED ONLY BY SCHMIDT AND BREZHNEV, AND NOT BY FOREIGN MINISTERS GROMYKO AND GENSCHE. BEHREND SAID SCHMIDT SPOKE OF THE GERMAN HOPE FOR REDUCTIONS OF THE ALLIED POSITION, BUT BEHREND DID NOT SPECIFICALLY REFER TO BUNDESWEHR REDUCTIONS IN PHASE II. HE SAID SCHMIDT'S COMMENTS ON BUNDESWEHR REDUCTIONS WERE MADE IN ORDER TO COUNTER SOVIET COMPLAINTS IN VIENNA THAT THE FRG WAS NO LONGER INTERESTED IN MBFR. BEHREND SAID THAT, AS FAR AS HE COULD FIND OUT, BREZHNEV DID NOT MENTION THE EASTERN FIRST STEP REDUCTION PROPOSAL TO SCHMIDT. ON FBS, BREZHNEV SAID "ONE WOULD NEED PATIENCE TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM." ON CSCE, BREZHNEV REPEATEDLY REFERRED TO "THE DOCUMENTS" (I.E. THE REGISTERED TEXTS) AS A NECESSARY POLITICAL BASIS FOR MORE FRUITFUL DISCUSSION OF OTHER DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS (SUCH AS SALT AND MBFR).

BILATERALS

3. BEHREND ALSO REPORTED THAT CZECHOSLOVAK REP (KLEIN) WILL BE LEAVING BY THE END OF THE YEAR FOR A SENIOR POSITION POST IN PRAGUE AND THAT CZECH DEPREP (MEISNER) WILL, AT LEAST FOR A WHILE, SUCCEED KLEIN. GREEK REP (SPYRIDAKIS) REPORTED CONVERSATION WITH POLISH REP (STRULAK), WHO MADE SOME POSITIVE COMMENTS ABOUT POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF DATA. STRULAK ALSO SAID THAT SECDEF SCHLESINGER'S VISIT TO BONN AND US FORCE RESTRUCTURING IN EUROPE WAS

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FOLLOWED WITH GREAT INTEREST AND CONCERN BY THE EAST. STRULAK NOTED THAT THE RESTRUCTURING WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASED US COMBAT FORCES. BELGIAN REP (ADRIAENSSON) REPORTED THAT GDR REP (OESER) AND DEPREP (WIELAND) TOLD HIM THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT ALLIES DID NOT DIG ANY DEEPER INTO THE EASTERN PROPOSAL, AND THAT AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE THE COMMON CEILING WAS NOT OBJECTIONABLE -- BUT IT WAS TOO TIME-

CONSUMING TO DISCUSS. ADRIAENSSEN SAID THE EAST GERMAN REPS SEEMED TO BE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT US FORCES IN THE FRG AND US FORCE RESTRUCTURING PLANS THEN THEY WERE ABOUT WEST-EUROPEAN REDUCTIONS. COMMENT - OESER MAY HAVE BEEN ECHOING SOVIET COMMENTS TO SCHMIDGT IN MOSCOW REGARDING DANGER OF US FORCES IN GERMANY. END COMMENT.

DISCUSSION OF NOV 5 INFORMAL SESSION

4. UK REP (ROSE) REVIEWED THE REPORT OF THE NOV 5 INFORMAL (MBFR VIENNA 0392 AND 0392), EXPLAINING THAT HE HAD STARTED BY RAISING THE ISSUE OF PRESS LEAKS, BECAUSE PREVIOUSLY, ALLIES HAD REFERRED ONLY TO LEAKS OF INFORMAL SESSIONS, NOT OF PLENARIES, AND ALSO BECAUSE THE MOST RECENT LEAKS OF THE EASTERN PROPOSAL APPEARED TO BE DELIBERATE. ROSE NOTED THE UNUSUALLY LONG EASTERN BREAK, AND ROUTINE EASTERN RESPONSE WHICH FOLLOWED. HE ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO KHLESTOV'S REPUDIATION OF HIS OWN REMARKS IN PREVIOUS ROUNDS ABOUT THE NEED FOR DATA EXCHANGE. ROSE THOUGHT ALLIES SHOULD FACE KHLESTOV DOWN WITH HIS OWN WORDS. FINALLY, ROSE NOTED THAT EASTERN REPS REFERRED TO OCTOBER 15 AS THE DATE EAST TABLED THEIR PROPOSAL, SAYING IT WAS ONLY "REPEATED" AT THE OCT 31 PLENARY.

5. US REP THOUGHT THE SESSION HAD DEVELOPED AS EXPECTED BY AHG. HE THOUGHT ALLIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS THE EAST ON GROUND FORCE REDEFINITION AND DATA EXCHANGE. FRG REP SAID HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND KHLESTOV'S REFERENCE TO A LEAK OF THE FRG OCT 24 PLENARY STATEMENT, (MBFR VIENNA 0392-PARA 25). BEHREND'S ALSO REMARKED THAT HIS RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH GERMAN REPORTERS INDICATE THAT THE

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PRESS IS AWARE OF THE 10,000 FIGURE FOR US AND SOVIET REDUCTIONS IN THE EASTERN PROPOSAL, BUT NOT THE T,000 FIGURE PROPOSED BY THE EAST FOR FRG AND POLISH REDUCTIONS.

6. NETHERLANDS REP (DE VOS), NOTING NEGATIVE SOVIET POSITIONS ON RECATEGORIZATION AND DATA ISSUES, SAID KHLESTOV SEEMED TO BE STALLING AND RESERVING HIS POSITIONS ON THESE TOPICS. THE LONG EASTERN BREAK AT THE INFORMAL INDICATED THAT THE EAST IS TREATING THESE TOPICS GINGERLY. DE VOS THOUGHT THE SOVIETS WERE RELATIVELY CONTENT WITH THEIR CURRENT TACTICAL POSITION -- I.E. REST ON AND PERHAPS DEVELOP THEIR FIRST STEP PROPOSAL AND CRITICIZE WESTERN PROPOSALS.

7. CONCLUDING DISCUSSION, THE GROUP AGREED THAT AT

NOV 12 INFORMAL, AHG REPS WOULD CONTINUE PRESSING  
THE EAST ON GROUND FORCE REDEFINITION AND ON DESIR-  
ABILITY OF DATA EXCHANGE, RE-POSING UNANSWERED  
QUESTIONS FROM NOV 5 SESSION ON GROUND FORCE RE-  
CATEGORIZATION AND AGAIN SUMMARIZING WESTERN  
POSITION ON DATA ISSUE.RESOR

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